

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/664,011

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 12/21/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-37 and 40-61.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other


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Specification

The proposed amendment filed on December 21, 2005 2002 has been acknowledged and approved. The amendment sufficiently overcomes the disclosure informalities noted in the previous Office action.

Drawings

The proposed drawing filed on December 21, 2005 has been acknowledged and approved. The proposed drawing sufficiently overcomes the drawing objection noted in the previous Office action.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Raymond Hom on January 20, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 36, last line:

The words "a rail extending from the base" have been changed to ---- a center rail extending upward from the base ---.

Claim 38 has been canceled.

In claim 57, line 2:

The word "rail" has been changed to --- of said opposing rails ---.

In claim 60, line 2:

The words "base further includes the rail extending from the base, the" have been deleted and replaced with --- center ---.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-37 and 40-61 are allowed.

Claim 1 is allowable because the art of record, considered alone or in combination, neither anticipates nor renders obvious a die press comprising: *a cover being unitary with the platen, the cover slidably engaged with the opposing supports to guide the platen during operation of the press, in combination with the rest of the claimed limitations.*

Claim 24 is allowable because the art of record, considered alone or in combination, neither anticipates nor renders obvious a die press comprising: *a cover being attached to the platen to define a unitary structure, the cover slidably engaged with the opposing supports to guide the platen during operation of the press and to resist torsional forces, in combination with the rest of the claimed limitations.*

Claim 32 is allowable because the art of record, considered alone or in combination, neither anticipates nor renders obvious a die press comprising: *an upper platen positioned between the bearings and the base, the base including at least two rails extending from the base, the rail being adapted to support a die, in combination with the rest of the claimed limitations.*

Claim 36 is allowable because the art of record, considered alone or in combination, neither anticipates nor renders obvious a die press comprising: *a center rail extending upward from the base, the rail having a chamfered corner*, in combination with the rest of the claimed limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jimmy T. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-4520. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur 8:00am - 6:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derris Banks can be reached on (571) 272- 4419. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

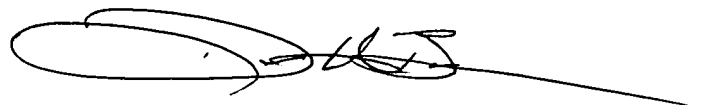
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